

Senate Constitutional Amendment

No. 4

Introduced by Senator Perata

February 16, 2005

Senate Constitutional Amendment No. 4— A resolution to propose to the people of the State of California an amendment to the Constitution of the State, by amending Section 5 of, and repealing Section 7.5 of, Article IX thereof, relating to public school textbooks.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCA 4, as introduced, Perata. Public school textbooks: adoption.

Existing provisions of the California Constitution require the State Board of Education to adopt textbooks for use in grades 1 to 8, inclusive.

This measure would eliminate this authority.

Vote: $\frac{2}{3}$. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

1 *Resolved by the Senate, the Assembly concurring,* That the
2 Legislature of the State of California at its 2005–06 First
3 Extraordinary Session commencing on the sixth day of January
4 2005, two-thirds of the membership of each house concurring,
5 hereby proposes to the people of the State of California, that the
6 Constitution of the State be amended as follows:
7 First—That Section 5 of Article IX thereof is amended to read:
8 SEC. 5. The Legislature shall provide for a system of
9 common schools by which a free school shall be kept up and
10 supported in each district at least six months in every year, after
11 the first year in which a school has been established. *Textbooks*

1 *for use in grades one through eight shall be furnished without*
2 *cost as provided by statute.*

3 Second—That Section 7.5 of Article IX thereof is repealed.

4 ~~SEC. 7.5. The State Board of Education shall adopt textbooks~~
5 ~~for use in grades one through eight throughout the State, to be~~
6 ~~furnished without cost as provided by statute.~~

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